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v.)

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Defendants.)

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18 written disclosure statement was submitted by the
19 court reporter and is attached hereto.)
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1 Office.

2 Q. Did you think that the county's processes
3 for counting the hand-marked paper ballots were
4 affected?

5 A. "Counting" meaning for the poll officials or
6 for the main office?

7 Q. Both.

8 A. Well, it was difficult for the poll
9 officials because optical scan ballots carry a
10 different set of problems just like any set does.
11 And if you had a voter who overvoted a ballot or had
12 something wrong with it and the unit wouldn't take
13 it, that ballot would be spoiled. The voter would be
14 given an addition ballot. They would have to go
15 down --

16 (Reporter requests that witness slow
17 down.)

18 THE WITNESS: The voter would be given
19 the option to take a second ballot or
20 continue to have that ballot spoiled and not
21 cast. And we had that happen more
22 frequently than I think people realize
23 because they didn't want to go back and do
24 that. And so it created, you know, a
25 significant issue with that.

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1 The machines themselves were not
2 problems. As far as the tabulation, the
3 aggregation of the results, it was not an
4 issue.

5 BY MR. POWERS:

6 Q. Mm-hmm. Do you recall how many complaints
7 you -- strike that.

8 Do you recall receiving any complaints from
9 voters about having to cast the second paper ballot
10 or not having their paper ballots scanned properly?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. How many complaints do you recall receiving?

13 A. I don't. It's been too long. And like I
14 said, we only used it for two years. It was
15 significant enough that it stuck in my mind is the
16 only way I know how to describe that.

17 Q. Sure. Do you have any -- strike that.

18 Did you have any concerns about the
19 integrity of the elections that were conducted in
20 Gwinnett County using the hand-marked paper ballots?

21 A. I don't remember.

22 Q. Sitting here today, do you have any concerns
23 about the integrity of the elections that were
24 conducted in Gwinnett County using hand-marked paper
25 ballots?

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1 BY MR. POWERS:

2 Q. So before we move on, perhaps, do a little
3 bit of clean up on some questions that I posed to you
4 before the break.

5 Before the break you spoke about moving from
6 the punch card voting system to the optical scan
7 system in 2000.

8 I wanted to ask what general response you
9 received from voters upon the change from the punch
10 card voting system to the optical scan system?

11 A. Initially it was confusion. Anytime you
12 have a change, you have to do public education and
13 voter education. So they were confused to begin
14 with.

15 But the problem we had with that we still
16 continue to have today. When you have a general
17 election, you have a write-in candidate. Say you
18 have voters that want to bubble in Mickey Mouse and
19 then come in and bubble in the write-in space for
20 Mickey Mouse and then write Mickey Mouse's name on
21 it. That is just a continuing problem with that type
22 of ballot.

23 But, again, initially, it was just
24 confusion. And then about the time, you know, we
25 used it for the last election, they were used to it

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF GEORGIA:

COUNTY OF FULTON:

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I further certify that I am not a relative or employee or attorney of any party, nor am I financially interested in the outcome of this action.

This the 28th day of June, 2019.



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